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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
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Serial No.: 09/412,085)
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Filed: October 4, 1999)
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For: METHOD FOR INSERTING)
FRUSTO-CONICAL INTERBODY)
SPINAL FUSION IMPLANTS)

Group Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: M. Brown

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated August 1, 2000 (Paper No. 5), please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following new claims:

--18. A method for inserting a spinal implant across a disc space between
adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, said method comprising the steps of:
distracting said adjacent vertebral bodies to the adjacent vertebral bodies;
forming a bore from the anterior or posterior aspect of the spinal column across
the distracted disc space between said adjacent vertebral bodies and into the adjacent
vertebral bodies, said bore having opposed arcuate portions in an angular relationship
to one another along at least a portion of each of the adjacent vertebral bodies; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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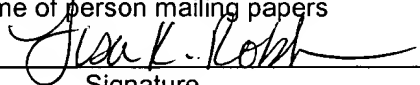
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